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FURTHER RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

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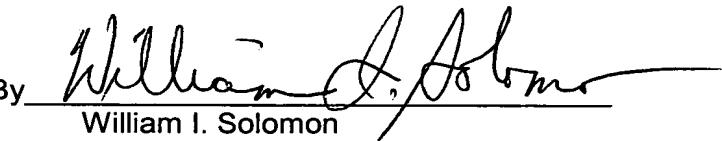
Sir:

Further in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated March 3, 2004 relating to the Amendment filed on November 25, 2003, and in view of possible non-entry of the Response To Notice Of Non-Compliant Amendment filed March 10, 2004, due to improper status identifier for claim 2, Applicants submit a corrected listing of claims, with proper identifiers. Entry of the claim amendments is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Docket No. 503.38156VX1), and please credit any excess fees to such Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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